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Commissioner for Patents Date: November 4, 2003 th P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Attached for filing is the patent application of: Inventor: KWOK et al. Entitled: FOREHEAD SUPPORT FOR FACIAL MASK and including attachments as noted below: Newly executed Declaration, ⋈ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ⋈ Abstract Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application: **Deleted** persons: pages of specification and claims (including 16 numbered claims), and 10 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. Record the attached assignment to ResMed Limited, North Ryde, New South Wales, Australia and return to the 冈 undersigned. Attached is an Exclusive Substitute Power of Attorney. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications: **Application Number** Country Day/Month/Year Filed PQ1040 **AUSTRALIA** 18/06/1999 , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application... Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. Certified copy(ies) filed on August 1, 2000 in prior appln. no. filed February 11, 2000 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. This application is a Continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/264,326, filed October 4, 2002, pending, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/502,745, filed February 11, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,532,961, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency. The prior application is assigned to ResMed Limited, North Ryde, New South Wales, Australia. It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached. Applicant claims "small entity" status.

"Small entity" statement attached. Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee: \boxtimes Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other: FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED Basic Filing Fee 770.00 Total effective claims 14 - 20 (at least 20) = x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 Independent claims 3 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x\$ 86.00 0.00 If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 SUBTOTAL 770.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract 0.00)SECOND SUBTOTAL 770.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 40 **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$** 810.00 Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. Correspondence Address: **NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.** By Atty: Paul T. Bowen, Reg. No. 38,009 23117 Customer Numb Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 PTB:jck